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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJECT: SECVISIT TO BEIRUT - SCENARIO DETAILS

REF: STATE 27759

1. MODIFICATIONS TO SCENARIO INDICATED REFTEL CREATE NO PROBLEMS. FOLLOWING ARE DETAILED COMMENTS:
2. STAFF REMAINING ON AIRCRAFT (REF, PARA 2): AS MANY STAFF MEMBERS AS DESIRED MAY OF COURSE REMAIN ON AIRCRAFT. THIS WILL IN NO WAY ADVERSELY AFFECT OTHER PLANS. STAFF SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT PERSONS WHO DO NOT GO TO YARZE WILL HAVE TO STAY PHYSICALLY ON AIRCRAFT DURING ENTIRE STOP, FOR SECURITY REASONS.
3. PRESS STATEMENTS (REF, PARA 3): SEE SEPTTEL.
4. MOTORCADE (REF, PARA 4): TARNOFF REASSIGNED FROM VEHICLE 10 (STAFF CAR NO. 1) TO VEHICLE 8 (OFFICIAL PARTY CAR NO. 3). EMBASSY WILL HAVE TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE AT YARZE ON ON-CALL BASIS FOR QUICK TRIPS TO BAABDA IF NEEDED.
5. TOUMAYAN (REF, PARA 5-A): INTERPRETER TOUMAYAN
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WILL BE AT BAABDA BEFORE ARRIVAL OF PARTY. GOL OFFICIALS AT AIRPORT AND IN MOTORCADE, FONMIN BOUTROS AND PROTOCOL CHIEF HAMIEH SPEAK FLUENT ENGLISH.

6. PLENARY SESSION NOTETAKER (REF, PARA 5-B):
NOTETAKER WILL BE EMBASSY POLOFF MOLINEAUX, WHO CAN ALSO ASSIST AS INTERPRETER.

7. SARKIS MEETING PARTICIPANTS (REF, PARA 5-C): GOL AGREEABLE THAT HABIB AND ATHERTON ATTEND MEETING WITH SARKIS. ALTHOUGH GOL PROTOCOL CHIEF ADVISES THAT PRESIDENT SARKIS NEVER HAS A NOTETAKER OF HIS OWN, FONMIN BOUTROS HAS INDICATED HE WOULD LIKE LANE TO ATTEND MEETING AND ACT IN THAT CAPACITY AS APPROPRIATE.

8. PLENARY SESSION INTERPRETER (REF, PARA 5-D): INTERPRETER WILL BE EMBASSY POLOFF MOLINEAUX.

9. SPECIAL SHORT MEETINGS (REF, PARA 5-D): GOL IS NOT INCLINED TO SEEK SPECIAL SEPARATE SHORT MEETINGS WITH THOSE MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY NOT CALLING ON PRESIDENT. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT PLENARY SESSION (MINUS) SIMPLY CONTINUE UNTIL CALL TO LUNCH, SINCE WE CANNOT PINPOINT ANY SPECIAL ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS THAT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE.

10. LUNCHEON (REF, PARA 5-E): THEMES FOR SECRETARY'S TOAST SUBJECT SEPTTEL. TARNOFF INCLUDED LUNCHEON.

11. FILING FOR PRESS (REF, PARA 6): WE ADVISING LOCAL PRESS REPRESENTATIVES THAT THEIR TRAVELING COLLEAGUES MIGHT WISH TO FILE FROM BEIRUT. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW IN ADVANCE, IF POSSIBLE, SPECIFICALLY WHICH TRAVELING PRESS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO DO THIS. EMBASSY WILL ASSURE DELIVERY OF COPY TO LOCAL PRESS OFFICES FOR DISPATCH, OR CONFIDENTIAL

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WILL TRANSMIT THROUGH EMBASSY FACILITIES IF NECESSARY. FOR LATTER EVENTUALITY, PLEASE ADVISE HOW DISPATCHES SHOULD BE HEADED SO AS TO EXPEDITE ACTION AT WASHINGTON END UPON RECEIPT. FOR EXAMPLE, CAN DEPARTMENT PROVIDE DIRECT TELEX ADDRESSES?

12. AMBASSADOR/DCM FLIGHT TO CAIRO (REF, PARA 7): OUR LATEST INFORMATION (FEB 8) IS THAT THERE IS DAILY MEA FLIGHT NO. 304, DEPARTING BEIRUT 1200, ARRIVING CAIRO 1350. THIS IS THE ONLY DIRECT FLIGHT FROM BEIRUT TO CAIRO. WE HAVE CONFIRMED RESERVATION ON FEB 17 FLIGHT, ONE WAY, FIRST CLASS, IN NAME OF EMBASSY. LANE

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